(b) whether the Prime Minister had convened a Joint Meeting between Punjab and Haryana Chief Ministers to expedite the construction of SYL Canal in Punjab ;

(c) if so, what decision was taken in the meeting ; and

(d) by what time the SYL Canal is going to be completed in Punjab territory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Government of Punjab has been advised to arrange to complete the balance works of SYL canal in Punjab.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The time schedule for completing the project will depend upon the nature and capacity of the agency/agencies to be engaged by the Government of Punjab.

Stoppage of Work on the main Dam of Narmada

1756. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narmada Control Authority has recommended that the work on the main dam be halted ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Keeping in view the safety of the dam, the Narmada Control Authority in its 48th meeting held on 31-12-1993, inter-alia, decided that until a decsion on plugging of sluices at EL 418 metres was taken, the spill way dam portion beyond the schedule upto 31-12-1993 approved by the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee should not be raised further.

Irrigation Proposals from Tamil Nadu

1757. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of irrigation proposals received by the Central Government from Government of Tamil Nadu for clearance during 1992 and 1993 ; and

(b) the details of the proposals which were rejected returned to State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No new major or medium irrigation project of Tamil Nadu has been received in the Central Water Commission during 1992 and 1993 for clearance. However proposals for extending supplies from Periyar-Vaigai System to Thirupathu Big Tank and 13 other tanks and Marvamangalam Big Tank and 40 other tanks estimated to cost Rs. 3.20 crores and Rs. 5.70 crores respectively received in the Central Water Commission in 12/92 have been accepted for inclusion in World Bank assisted Periyar-Viagai Irrigation-II Project (Cr. 1468-IN/SF-16).

(b) Does not arise.

Subsidy Scheme for Lift Irrigation

1758. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have revised the scheme of providing subsidy for Lift Irrigation installed by farmers ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) the total average of land to be covered under 'Lift Irrigation', State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated for 1993-94 and the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan ; State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE